GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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MEETINGS OF N.S.C.
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of meetings of the National Security Council held during the last two years date-wise; and

(b) the important decisions arrived at, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The National Security Council (NSC) consistsof the Prime Minister, the Home Minister, the Defence Minister, the External Affairs Minister, the Finance Minister and the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. While the NSC has met formally only once,it is to be noted that four of its members have had about 20 meetings during the last six months to review the country's security system in its entirety. In addition, five of its members are also members of the Cabinet Committee on Security which meets often to discuss security issues and takes important decisions relating to the country's defence forces.